

### Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1    1.    A brew basket for a beverage brewing system comprising of:  
2                a brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of a  
3                brewed beverage to exit said brewing chamber; and  
4                a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter  
5                pivotably attached to and in fluid communication with said brewing  
6                chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported  
7                on an annular flange of said filter.
- 1    2.    A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter can flip up to expose said  
2    brewing chamber.
- 1    3.    A brew basket of claim 2 wherein said filter further includes a handle  
2    for lifting said filter to expose an interior of said brewing chamber.
- 1    4.    A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter can swing to one side of  
2    said brewing chamber to expose an interior of said brewing chamber.
- 1    5.    A brew basket of claim 4 wherein said filter and said brewing  
2    chamber can swing together or independent of each other.
- 1    6.    A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter is attached to said  
2    brewing chamber with a hinge and said brewing chamber is pivotably  
3    attached to a beverage brewing system wherein when said brewing chamber  
4    is swung out of its operative position in a beverage brewing system, said filter  
5    can flip up to expose said brewing chamber.
- 1    7.    A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter and said brewing  
2    chamber are mated to provide a substantially leak-proof seal.

- 1 8. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein the replaceable filter medium has a  
2 rim surrounding the replaceable filter medium wherein the rim surrounding  
3 the replaceable filter medium is one of snap fitted, press fitted, or wipe sealed  
4 onto an annular flange of said filter.
- 1 9. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter further includes a filter  
2 frame having an annular side wall extending above the replaceable filter  
3 medium to provide a reservoir for a brewing liquid.
- 1 10. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein the replaceable filter medium is one  
2 of a flat sheet, pleated sheet, and high loft material.
- 1 11. A brew basket of claim 1 further including an indicator for indicating  
2 to a user that the replaceable filter medium requires replacement.
- 1 12. A brew basket of claim 1 further including a fastening means at one or  
2 more points along a top edge of said brewing chamber.
- 1 13. A brew basket of claim 1 further including a drip-style coffee maker.
- 1 14. A beverage brewing system comprising of:  
2 a brew basket comprising a brewing chamber having an  
3 aperture to allow flow of a brewed beverage to exit said brewing  
4 chamber; and a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter  
5 pivotably attached to and in fluid communication with said brewing  
6 chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported  
7 by an annular flange of the filter.
- 1 15. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter can flip up  
2 to expose the brewing chamber.

1 16. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter can swing to  
2 one side to expose the brewing chamber.

1 17. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter is attached  
2 to the brewing chamber with a hinge and the brewing chamber is pivotably  
3 attached to said beverage brewing system wherein when the brewing  
4 chamber is swung out of its operative position in said beverage brewing  
5 system, the filter can flip up to expose the brewing chamber.

1 18. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter and the  
2 brewing chamber are mated to provide a substantially leak-proof seal.

1 19. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein said brew basket  
2 further includes a fastening means at one or more points along a top edge of  
3 the brewing chamber for securing the filter.

1 20. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the replaceable filter  
2 medium is one of a flat sheet, a pleated sheet, and a high loft material.

1 21. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 further including an indicator  
2 to indicate to a user that the replaceable filter medium requires replacement.

1 22. A method of making a brewed beverage comprising the steps of:  
2 providing a brewed beverage system comprising a brew basket  
3 including a brewing chamber containing beverage brewing  
4 ingredients, the brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of  
5 the brewed beverage to exit the brewing chamber, and a filter  
6 including a replaceable filter medium in fluid communication with the  
7 brewing chamber;  
8 heating a liquid within the brewed beverage system;

9                   contacting the heated liquid with the replaceable filter medium  
10               wherein the replaceable filter medium removes substantially all  
11               contaminants in the heated liquid;  
12                   mixing the substantially contaminant-free heated liquid with  
13               the beverage brewing ingredients.

1   23    The method of claim 22 further including the step of collecting a  
2   brewed beverage as it exits the brewing chamber.

1   24.   The method of claim 22 further including the step of replacing the  
2   filter medium.